

numbers of poor, distressed, and afflicted objects will bless the bountiful hand which relieves their wants, and heals their sorrows.— But when the grasping hand of avarice keeps all to itself; and distress and anguish sigh and implore in vain; the wretched miser becomes contemptible, and a clog on the wheels of society. His heart gradually becomes obdurate; and what would melt others to compassion, serves only to freeze harder his cold feelings.

Courage, accompanied with prudence and judgment, is a noble passion. It serves to break the fetters of slavery, to humble the proud and oppressive, and to make the hearts of widows and orphans leap for joy.— But when it delights in savagely butchering the human race, merely to gratify a sanguinary disposition, like mad Alexander;—where is the man who will not execrate such a frantic enthusiasm, and boldly step forth to punish the ruffian?

Justly then may we conclude all extremes are vicious; a medium in the road which virtue keeps. If we do not sufficiently exercise our passions they will relax, become inactive, and lose their native springs!—If we exercise them too much, we shall strain, and in time destroy their elasticity.— But if we keep them in constant exercise, under the benign inspection

spection of moderation, we shall steer our bark, *secundis ventis*, through rocks and fyrtes, and at last anchor safely in the harbour of rest and felicity.

MORAL.

Prudence and moderation in the use of present enjoyments, are productive of true peace, comfort, and tranquility.

